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1. At 2 p.m. on 13 February 1954, 10 boxcarloads of troops, 12 prime movers towing 132-mm field guns, 3 prime movers with trailers and 10 to 12 trucks with covered members were unloaded at the Potsdam railroad station.¹

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2. At 4:30 a.m. on 11 February, a shipment of 8 x 85-mm AA guns, 30 trucks, 1 sedan and 15 boxcars passed through the Satzkorn railroad station, coming from Jueterbog and proceeding to Dallgow.

3. At about 7:30 p.m. on 23 January, a shipment of 14 flatcars and 8 boxcars carrying 2 x 76.2-mm AT guns, 3 x 132-mm rocket launchers, 9 trucks, [redacted] and numerous troops passed through Magdeburg-Rothensee, coming from the direction of Magdeburg and proceeding toward Neuruppin.³

4. On 7 February, an undetermined number of troops were emplacing 4 guns in the Kuschel area, about 500 meters east-southeast of the crossing of the Ludwigslust-Schwerin railroad line and the Dreenkroegen-Kraak road. Three tents and 2 trucks, [redacted]

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were about 350 to 400 meters north-northeast of the emplacement, on the edge of the Rastow Forest. [redacted] 2 officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were seen just south of the Kraak-Dreenkroegen road.

A caterpillar tractor towing a gun came from the direction of Fahrbinde and proceeded toward Dreenkroegen on the Kraak-Dreenkroegen road. Numerous trucks and other vehicles were observed in a wood patch about 1,000 meters east of the emplacement. Prime mover [redacted] and truck [redacted] were seen at the southern edge of this woods. The training area was not restricted. There was no firing. A Dreenkroegen resident stated that, in the fall of 1953, Soviet soldiers built several bunkers with telephone connections just east of the Ludwigslust-Schwerin road between Dreenkroegen and Fahrbinde and that artillery firing practices were held there in late 1953. The informant further stated that farmers in the Lewitz area did not receive any compensation for damages in their fields.⁴

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1. [redacted] Comment. Probably return of units of the 34th Arty Div (US), who transferred to Altengrabow on 10 February. See [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. Presumably units of the 1382d AAA Regt (US) of the 1st Mocz Div, which probably returned from Jueterbog.

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25X1 3. [redacted] Comment. Return to Neuruppin from Altengrabow of artillery units
25X1 of the 12th Gds Tank Div [redacted]

25X1 4. [redacted] Comment. The motor vehicles observed north of Ludwigsburg belonged
to the air force, the Third Shock Army and the 14th Gds Mts Rifle Div.

25X1 Units of the IX Mts Rifle Corps may have conducted exercises in this area.
25X1 [redacted] each one shipment went from
25X1 Rostrow to Ludwigsburg on 2 and 4 February. [redacted]
25X1 indicated that these shipments included rocket launchers. [redacted]

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